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June 23, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ISSUES RAISED AT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Receive and file the attached report containing issues raised at public budget hearings.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board may wish to consider these issues raised at public budget hearings during Budget Deliberations. Since you will be addressing these items at that time, I am recommending you receive and file all issues presented.

Attached is a compilation of issues raised at public budget hearings by oral and written testimony. The majority of the oral testimony concerned the impact of budget reductions affecting the Children and Family Services, District Attorney, Mental Health, Parks and Recreation, Public Library, and Sheriff departments. Written testimony includes individual Supervisor's and departmental requests for additional funding along with private citizens' concerns about budget reductions for elder and dependent adult abuse and the return of Placerita Canyon Natural Area and Castaic Lake Recreation Area to the State of California for operation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No fiscal impact.

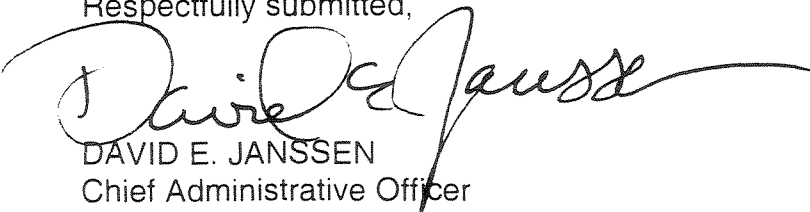
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

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SPEAKER	DEPARTMENT/AFFILIATION	TOPIC
David Sanders, Ph.D., Director	Children and Family Services	<p>Discussed <i>Alternative Uses of MacLaren Net County Cost</i>; which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide additional support for hard-to-place kids • To put together components of a better-functioning placement process.
John Oppenheim, Chief Deputy	Children and Family Services	<p>Explained <i>Alternative Uses of MacLaren Net County Cost</i>, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanency Teams • Office of Medical Director • Team Decision Making Program • Family Group Decision Making Program • Triage Teams • Family Resource and Reception Centers • Public Wraparound Program • Wrap-around Infrastructure Expansion • Group Supervisors • MacLaren Unavoidable Costs <p>Below is additional information that was also discussed regarding the MacLaren Center closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed plans to reduce the average length of stay in out-of-home care to produce substantial savings to reinvest in managerial improvements. • Informed the Board that the Department is hopeful to retain the MacLaren Title IV-B funding. • Plans to establish a diligent search unit to locate relatives at

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		beginning of the process.
Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W., Director	Mental Health	<p>Department of Mental Health (DMH) Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed issues related to AB3632 program to serve Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) kids. Issues include: deferral of payments; non-reimbursed costs to contract providers; insufficient funding and plan for Education to take a larger funding role. • Discussed seeking support to use unexpended Tobacco Settlement funds to reimburse contractors. • Discussed \$10.0 million curtailment plan including a reduction in services to indigent children by replacing County General Fund with Healthy Families revenue to serve indigent youth. • Discussed the issue of the family financial responsibility for the premium payment required in order to receive services from the Healthy Families Program. • Discussed working with State on the SB90 reimbursement issues • Explained curtailments to contract providers. • Discussed the in-patient service: agreement between Mental Health and the Department of Health Services. • DMH is committed to finding ways to fund 130 beds, a key component of the overall system of care.

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Bruce Saltzer, Executive Director	Association of Community Human Services Agencies (ACHSA)	Department of Mental Health (DMH) Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the \$4.5 million curtailment for uninsured children for fiscal year 2003-04 • Believes that the curtailment can be prevented. • Suggested DMH has funds to prevent cuts by using one-time funding to avoid curtailments.
Dr. Kita Curry, Board Director	ACHSA	Mental Health Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the \$4.5 million curtailment in DMH. • Suggested that families cannot afford Healthy Families premium payment.
Gladys Lee (spoke for Dr. Susan Mandel)	Pacific Clinics	Mental Health Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to curtailment of \$700,000 for Pacific Clinic in fiscal year 2003-04. • Spoke regarding alternatives to the budget curtailments for DMH • Pacific Clinics agreed to use available funds for Healthy Family premiums.
Shirley Carter	SEIU Local 660	Public and Social Services Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voiced concerns about proposed cuts to CalWORKs and General Relief eligibility staff. Raised concerns about limited clerical support to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. • Voiced concerns related to Los Angeles Eligibility, Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting (LEADER) system.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended cuts to contracts as an alternative.
Lawrence Hill	SEIU Local 660	<p>Child Support Budget:</p> <p>Voiced concerns regarding the State's cuts to the Child Support Program allocation and concerns about contractors' profits.</p>
Ramon Rubalcava	SEIU Local 660	<p>2003-04 Proposed Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed concerns on service reductions and policies. Suggested renegotiating or canceling contracts.
Tim Gallagher, Director	Parks and Recreation	<p>Parks and Recreation Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the transfer of State owned Castaic Lake and Placerita Canyon Natural Area and the elimination of the trail crew. Continuation of discussion with the State on identifying funding sources for State owned facilities, specifically, Castaic Lake. Informed Board that two other Public Agencies have expressed interest in keeping Placerita Canyon Natural Area open after July 1, 2003 if the State cannot continue operation. Engaged in negotiation with L.A. Conservation Corps who is willing to provide up to a quarter million dollars in trail maintenance services. The County has not closed any trails, but is absorbing the maintenance of those trails in with the remaining staff within the department.

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Greg Brown	Private Citizen City of La Canada	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the elimination of the trail crew in the Department of Parks and Recreation. • Concerned that the trail crew has been cut twice since 1990. • Believes that the entire trail department should not be eliminated; spread the pain.
Mary Barrie, President	La Canada Flintridge Trails Council	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the elimination of the trail crew in the Department of Parks and Recreation. • Requested funding for fiscal year 2003-04 for Trails Maintenance.
Liz Blackwelder	Private Citizen City of La Canada	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the elimination of the trail crew in the Department of Parks and Recreation. • Pointed that La Canada Flintridge became one of the top trailed towns in the United States.
Linda Palmer, Former President	Santa Monica Trails Council	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the elimination of the trail crew in the Department of Parks and Recreation. • Trails will not be safe and will begin to close if funding is cut.
Rosa Lavega, Superintendent	Arroyo Seco City of Pasadena	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the elimination of the trail crew in the Department of Parks and Recreation. • Does not believe that the California Conservation Corporation (C.C.C.) Group will do a good job maintaining the park because of their inexperience.

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Deborah Stevens	Private Citizen Antelope Valley Trails	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the elimination of the trail crew in the Department of Parks and Recreation.
Bob Lewis	Private Citizen Castaic Lake Town Council	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the return of Castaic Lake to the State of California. • Believes that the County's cost of operating the Lake in Placerita Canyon Natural Area is \$1.7 million and not \$3.1 million. • Does not believe that the State will maintain the Lake in the same manner as the County.
Tere Tucker	Private Citizen Castaic Chamber of Commerce	Parks and Recreation Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to the return of Castaic Lake to the State of California. • Citizens are set to raise money for the Lake. • Believes Parks and Recreation should spread the loss between the County and not just Parks and Recreation.
Kathy Ochoa	SEIU Local 660	Department of Health Services Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urges the County to adopt only the Status Quo Provisions of the Budget during the Final Budget Deliberations • Additional funding has been received from the County since the passage of Measure B and federal and State agreement on L.A. County Health, therefore, the County should redesign the Proposed Budget. • Opposes Scenario III cuts and would like them restored. • Discussed various options as to how DHS could restore those cuts.

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Gordon Stefenhagen, Chair Councilman	Library Commission Norwalk City Council	Public Library Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested continual assistance of \$7.0 million to keep our libraries open and functioning. • Closure of a large regional library such as Norwalk will impact neighboring communities. • Requested a more stable book budget should the State cut the Public Library Fund (PLF) grants for books and materials. • Commission is working on options for permanent financing of County libraries.
Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian	Public Library	Public Library Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the need to curtail basic services if the \$7.3 million General Fund assistance is not provided as no other peripheral programs or reserves can be reduced. • Governor has proposed further cuts to the PLF money which is used to fund books and materials. Another \$1.6 million cut will leave only \$2.4 million for books and materials. • Proposed curtailments as described in a report to the Board include: closing 15.0 libraries and one bookmobile, and reducing hours at all remaining facilities. • Proposed closures are spread across districts and determined based on size and use of each library. • Supervisor Knabe requested information on operating cost of a bookmobile.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor Burke requested information on property tax revenue for certain cities. Areas where a large percentage of library services are paid by property tax revenue should be given some opportunity to make up the difference.
Warren Williams	Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like funding of \$500.0 million for a Service Center in Los Angeles. Would like the CAO to go back and redirect the budget to fund this program. Believes the funding would solve the problems in the African American population.
Douglas Barnett	Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports various programs for the Second Supervisorial District and supports the Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest.
Rahaimaj Asubian-Brinkley, Executive Director	Cultural Reflections Productions Co., LTD.	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting support for an educational arts telecommunication facility Requesting a hospital, ambulance training Discussed the environment and conditions of the County jail Supports the Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest.
Ruth Chiquita	Summers Burgess Payne	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports various programs for the Second Supervisorial District Supports the Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest.
Richard Robinson	Private Citizen	Sheriff's Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for Deputy Sheriffs

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Heidi Webber, Treasurer	Placerita Canyon Nature Center Association	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oppose returning Placerita Canyon Natural Area to the State.• County can save revenue through volunteers.• Potential closure of community programs and relocation of park employees if Placerita Canyon Natural Area is returned to the State.
Bill Webber	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opposed closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area

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Steve Cooley, District Attorney	District Attorney	<p>District Attorney (DA) Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested Board to excuse DA from \$4.6 million in curtailments for fiscal year 2003-04. • Discussed Salary Savings as a problem at 13% and requested the Department's calculation to be reviewed. • If asked to curtail, Specialized units will be affected (cases will still be prosecuted, but quality will be seriously affected). • Stated about 150.0 positions have been cut from the budget since December 2000, without any back-fill in staff services personnel. • Discussed Workers' Compensation is an issue, with a \$1.9 million increase for fiscal year 2003-04 (about \$10.0 million in the last five years). • Not asking Board for more money, but to override CAO suggested curtailments.
Lee Baca, Sheriff Paul Tanaka, Chief	Sheriff Department	<p>Sheriff's Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believes that the Sheriff's Department can meet the CAO's 2003-04 Proposed Budget. • Informed the Board that the curtailment amount for 2003-04 is \$82.4 million. • Sheriff's Department will use the Academy to recover the loss of personnel due to attrition, retirement, etc. • Informed the Board that the total number of sworn employee is in the range of mid 8,000s.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the Board with a plan that addresses the rising costs of workers' compensation, retiree health insurance, long-term disability, and previously unfunded positions. • Three Sheriff stations are under the pilot project for timecard system implementation. • Sheriff provided the Board with the detail of various budget requests. • Current 2003-04 curtailment is at \$75.0 million (instead of the \$82.4 million previously stated). The Proposed Budget does not reflect an estimated \$7.0 million reduction in State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) reimbursement revenue.
Steve Remige	Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs	Public Safety Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urged the Board to prioritize and fund vitally important Public Safety programs. • Urged the Board to avoid cuts in Public Safety.
Warren Williams	Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed DCFS funding the cost of using Adelman's Parking Lot. • Requested \$50.0 million funding in 2003 and 2004 for D.A.R.E. festival
Jesse Barbour	Private Citizen	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the Board to consider a \$17.0 million budget request for Performing Arts.
David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer	Chief Administrative Office	Discussed Litigation cost and Risk Management Information System (RMIS) implementation:

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Lloyd Pellman, County Counsel J. Tyler McCauley, Auditor-Controller	County Counsel Auditor-Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CAO provided to the Board on 5/13/03, a document that explains RMIS and the development status along with the related costs. <p>Discussed Litigation cost and RMIS implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Counsel provided to the Board on 5/20/03 a report on actual costs of litigation, judgments, etc for last year, current year, and the projection for next year. • The anticipated implementation timeframe of the RMIS is July or August. • \$3.5 million is set aside in PFU in 2002-03 for litigation costs and recommends keeping such funding through the end of the fiscal year.
Lloyd Pellman, County Counsel	County Counsel	<p>County Counsel Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested placing 5% of anticipated litigation cost reduction into a designation account. • Will start implementation of Auditor-Controller's recommendation on July 1, 2003.
Rahimaj Asubian-Brinkley, Executive Director	Cultural Reflections Productions Co., LTD	<p>2003-04 Proposed Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requesting a committee be formed for the Sheriff's Department to recommend hiring and firing of deputies and support for the proposal submitted by the Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest.
William Campbell	Private Citizen	<p>Sheriff's Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement regarding Sheriff's Department budget.

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Ted Hayes	Private Citizen	2003-04 Proposed Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requesting support and funding for the proposal of the Coalition for Blacks' Best Interest.

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Gloria Molina, Supervisor	First District	<p>2003-04 Proposed Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Molina is not recommending funding new programs. • If the Public Library Fund (PLF) is restored in the State Budget, Supervisor Molina request that the County provide the funds necessary to meet the maintenance of effort and direct those funds for the provision of library materials.
Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair of the Board, Supervisor	Second District	<p>Additional program funding for the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Library • Probation • Health Services • Regional Planning • Community and Senior Services • Arts Commission • Consumer Affairs • National History Museum <p>Capital projects, deferred maintenance, and refurbishment funding for the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Library • Sheriff • Public Social Services • Mental Health • Health Services • Parks and Recreation • Senior Center at Ladera Park <p>Consideration of funding for Rent Mediation Board to review issues related to affordable housing/rent</p>

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		<p>stabilization.</p> <p>Provide additional resources to support management Audit recommendations to improve park management.</p> <p>Additional funds for establishment of a formal ongoing RFP response-training academy for small agencies who wish to provide services.</p> <p>Funding to expand the Emergency Response Team Program offered at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to improve service access.</p>
Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor	Third District	<p>Additional program funding for the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration of funding for CHP administrative services. • Creation of budgeted positions for a CHP development manager and staff. • Allocation of 33% of CHP tangible net equity for CHP program development and improvements. • Elimination of the General Relief shared housing penalty. • Creation of an Ombudsman for each DPSS office. • Expansion of the GROW program to allow GR recipients classified as "unemployable" to participate. • Expansion of benefits provided through the Eviction Assistance

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		<p>program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance and support to relative caregivers who are not in compliance with the federal standards for dependent children placed in relatives' homes. • Provision of necessary and appropriate services to dependent children with special needs. • Creation of Family Resource Centers. • Funding for DCFS' Family Group Decision Making program, including meals. • Funding of case management, Auditor-Controller's contract monitoring pilot project and LACAS implementation.
Don Knabe, Supervisor	Fourth District	<p>Additional program funding for the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for the conversion of Rancho Los Amigos to a non-profit institution. • Fourth District Arts Education Enrichment Program • Arts Commission • Beaches and Harbors • Chief Administrative Office • Community and Senior Services • Community Development Commission • Consumer Affairs • Coroner • County Counsel • District Attorney

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Fire • Health Services • Homeland Security • Mental Health • Military and Veterans Affairs • Museums • Ombudsman • Parks and Recreation • Probation • Public Library • Public Works • Regional Planning • Registrar-Recorder • Sheriff • Funding of additional parking officers for the unincorporated areas.
Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor	Fifth District	<p>Additional program funding for the following departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Attorney • Parks and Recreation • Probation • Sheriff
Steve Cooley, District Attorney	District Attorney	<p>Restoration of funding for the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Violence • Hate Crimes • High Tech Crimes • Quality of Life • Asian Gangs and Arson • Administrative Support Positions • Environmental Crimes

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder Abuse and Sex Crimes • DA Roll Out Program • Justice System Integrity Division
Sharon R. Harper, Chief Deputy	Chief Administrative Office	Filing of the 2003-04 Proposed Budget documents.
Laura Zucker, Executive Director	Arts Commission	Additional funding for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore \$334,000 NCC reduction in grant funds • Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration • Funding for State Local Partnership Program
Pastor Herrera, Jr., Director	Consumer Affairs	Requesting additional funding for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Claims Court Advisor Program • Public Information Officer • Special Investigation staff
P. Michael Freeman, Fire Chief	Fire Department	Additional funding for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing Measure B funding for critical pre-hospital trauma care and transportation and terrorism preparedness • Restoration of \$2.1 million which will fund 18.0 lifeguard positions and increase services and supplies
Tim Gallagher, Director	Parks and Recreation	Additional funding for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Golf Program • \$345,000 for ADA compliance • No curtailment of \$256,000 for two-week pool closure • End operating agreement with State Parks

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Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer	Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors	<p>Parks and Recreation Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received 331 letters from concerned citizens regarding Department of Parks and Recreation recommendation to return Placerita Canyon Natural Area and Castaic Lake Recreation Area to the State for operation. <p>Continuation of Parks and Recreation Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-hundred seventeen of the letters also site a concern about the allocation of park bond measure funds intended for Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Michael J. Henry, Director	Human Resources	<p>Additional funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unmet Needs of \$3,063,000 to provide enhancements to core Human Resources programs Additional funding of \$292,000 for Job Listing Opportunities Program and Printing Employee Handbooks.
John D. White, Interim Chief	Office of Public Safety	<p>Additional funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional \$256,000 in Overtime Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
James E. Hartl, AICP, Director	Regional Planning	<p>Additional funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Permit Tracking System Implementation (eDAPTS) Restoration of Public Counter Field Offices Counseling Environmental Review/Guidelines Zoning Code Streamlining and Updating

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Plan Update • Zoning Consistency to General Plan • Certificates of Compliance • Strategic Workforce Planning and Data Base Administration
Mark J. Saladino, Treasurer and Tax Collector	Treasurer and Tax Collector	<p>Treasurer and Tax Collector Budget:</p> <p>Requested restoration of \$1,550,000 in salaries and employee benefits by not eliminating 31.0 budgeted positions related to the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore 3.0 budgeted positions in the Treasury Program. • Restore 18.0 budgeted positions in the Tax Collection Program. • Restore 8.0 budgeted positions in the Administrative Program. • Restore 2.0 budgeted positions in the Unincorporated Program.
Barbara H. Linski, Executive Director	Assistance League of Southern California, Hollywood Senior Multipurpose Center	<p>District Attorney Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to budget reduction of Elder Abuse Program in District Attorney's Department.
Kevin Crowell	LIFE Services, Inc.	<p>District Attorney Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to budget reduction of Elder Abuse Program in District Attorney's Department.
Jennifer Shelstead	Private Citizen	<p>Parks and Recreation Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Elizabeth G. McMahon	Private Citizen	<p>Parks and Recreation Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that park bond measure funds are distributed to the intended beneficiaries for Placerita Canyon Natural Area.

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Alison Tiper	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Mara Prutting	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Suzanne McClure	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Carolyn Oppenheimer, President	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Patricia Fergo	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Lorrie Kurowski	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Marilyn Keehn	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Julie David	Private Citizen	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to possible closure of Placerita Canyon Natural Area.
Kathy Salazar, Mayor	City of Montebello	Parks and Recreation Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to Trail Maintenance cuts.